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Applicant: Judith MELKI et al. Conf.: 3158

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For: SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY DIAGNOSTIC
METHODS

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January 29, 2003

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RESPONSE

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action mailed on July 29, 2002, kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 36 without prejudice or disclaimer of the canceled subject-matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 21, 30, 33, 43, 47, 48, 53, 54, 58, 64 and 65 with the following amended claims:

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